

**SHIKELLAMY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Sunbury, Pennsylvania**

*Special Board Meeting*  
**June 28, 2011**

**Island Park Administrative Center - 7:00 pm**

President, Mr. Timothy Fister, called the special board meeting of the Shikellamy School District to order on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at the Island Park Administration Center. Mrs. Garman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mr. Fister, Mrs. Van Der Pool, Mr. Dalpiaz, Mrs. Garman, Mr. Kerstetter (arrived at 7:01 pm) Mrs. Long, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Shreck

Student Members Absent: Miss. Bowmaster, Miss. Underkoffler, and Miss. Zerbe

Others Present:

- Mrs. Robin Musto, District Superintendent
- Attorney Jeffrey Apfelbaum, Solicitor
- Mr. David M. Sinopoli, Business Manager
- Mrs. Suzanne Foresman, Director of Education
- Mrs. Stephanie Michaels, Director of Special Education
- Mr. Terry Roden, High School Principal
- Mr. Frank Boyer, C.W. Rice Principal
- Mr. Michael Hubicki, Sunbury Middle School Principal
- Mr. Paul Renn, Oaklyn Elementary Principal
- Mr. Daniel Saxton, Director of Facilities
- Mrs. Bethanne L. Zeigler, Board Recording Secretary

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Terry Roden, High School Principal, of Sunbury, PA thanked the Board and administration for the opportunity to serve as the high school principal.

Jonathan Ruths, Northumberland, PA spoke about concerns regarding the band program and sixth grade not receiving instruction.

Donald Ely, Sunbury, PA spoke regarding what he believes to a district in crisis and asked Board members to do more investigations.

Barbara Redington, Northumberland, PA spoke in support of Mr. Roden.

Jennifer White, Sunbury, PA asked that the community put the children first and stop the hatred and vicious attacks.

Trisha Cotner, Northumberland, PA spoke about PSBA Board Standards and Codes.

Lorie Morrison-Becker, Sunbury, PA expressed displeasure with the Superintendent and the closing of the middle schools.

Dean Straight, Sunbury, PA spoke in support of the band, as well as Mr. Roden.

Kim Ditty, Sunbury, PA spoke in support of continuing band lessons, Mr. Roden and keeping German as a course.

Je Pehowic, Northumberland, PA asked that programming for band begin at the elementary level.

Claudia Pehowic, Northumberland, PA expressed concern with not having band available for sixth graders.

### **INFORMATION**

Mrs. Musto shared that the administration has already decided that there will be band for sixth grade students and they will have a concert at the end of the school year. In addition, she stated that she is willing to meet with people who have questions about programming.

### **BUDGET TRANSFERS**

A motion by Mr. Ross seconded by Mr. Marshall carried to approve the following budget transfers.

From	To	Amount
2240-618-000-00-00-97	1100-640-000-10-10-80	\$39,312.80
1290-594-002-00-00-00	1100-640-000-10-10-80	\$62,000.00

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

### **TOPICS OF CONSIDERATION**

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

A motion by Mr. Fister, seconded by Mr. Ross carried to adopt the 2011-12 Final General Operating Budget Resolution, which includes approval to reserve \$315,924 of carryover funds for future health care and/or retirement rate increases from the 2010-11 General Operating Budget, and adopting the 2011-12 Tax Levy Resolution; both resolutions are provided in the backup information. The 2010-11 reserve amount will be actual and finalized upon completion of the audited year-end financial statements.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, nay; Mrs. Garman, nay; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, nay; Mr. Shreck, nay; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mr. Fister, seconded by Mrs. Van Der Pool carried to approve the 2011 Homestead Farmstead Exclusion Resolution which is provided in the backup information.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mr. Fister, seconded by Mr. Kerstetter carried to authorize the Business Manager to make transfers to the 2010-11 General Operating Budget, to be ratified at a future meeting of the Board of Education.

Mrs. Garman asked for explanation and Mr. Sinopoli stated that this is done annually in order to transfer money once the year is closed out.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mr. Fister, seconded by Mr. Ross carried to replace nine copy machines in the school district under the terms and conditions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania state bid contract with Xerox.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mr. Fister, seconded by Mr. Ross carried to sell outdated and unused textbooks to the highest bidder based upon the details of books to be sold, which will be provided by the bidder upon submission of their bid.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

A motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Marshall carried to close the C.W. Rice and Sunbury Middle Schools due to declining enrollment.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, nay; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, nay; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Marshall carried to open a new school, which will include grades 7-8.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, nay; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, nay; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Marshall carried to reconfigure Beck Elementary School to change from grades K-5 to include grades K-6.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, nay; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, nay; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Marshall carried to reconfigure Chief Shikellamy Elementary School to change from grades K-5 to include grades K-6.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, nay; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, nay; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Marshall carried to reconfigure Oaklyn Elementary School to change from grades K-5 to include grades K-6.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, nay; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, nay; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Marshall carried to reconfigure Priestley Elementary School to change from grades K-5 to include grades K-6.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, nay; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, nay; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

A motion by Mrs. Van Der Pool, seconded by Mr. Ross carried to accept the resignation of Terry Roden as principal due to retirement effective September 30, 2011 and authorize the payment of his administrative retirement benefits.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, nay; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, nay; Mr. Shreck, nay; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mrs. Van Der Pool, seconded by Mr. Ross carried to accept the resignation of Jeanne Hartman as a professional employee effective June 13, 2011.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, nay; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, nay; Mr. Shreck, nay; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea-with regret

A motion by Mrs. Van Der Pool, seconded by Mr. Ross carried to accept the resignation of Pamela Alex as a professional employee effective June 30, 2011.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mrs. Van Der Pool, seconded by Mr. Ross carried to accept the resignation of Linda Ginter as a secretary due to retirement effective June 30, 2011.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mrs. Van Der Pool, seconded by Mr. Ross carried to accept the resignation of Kathy Stettler as a classroom aide effective June 30, 2011.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mrs. Van Der Pool, seconded by Mr. Ross carried to appoint Anne Brovey as a substitute elementary principal.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mrs. Van Der Pool, seconded by Mr. Ross carried to bring back Toni Burke, a furloughed employee, as a professional employee for the 2011/12 school term at a salary of \$28,700 at the Masters schedule on the 12<sup>th</sup> step of the professional pay scale. Her initial assignment will be half time French teacher at the Shikellamy High School.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mrs. Van Der Pool, seconded by Mr. Ross carried to bring back Kathy Adams, a furloughed employee, as a general aide effective the 2011/12 school term 6.5 hours per day an hourly rate of \$13.95. Her initial assignment will be general aide at the Shikellamy High School.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mrs. Van Der Pool, seconded by Mr. Ross carried to bring back Tammy Shutt, a furloughed employee, as a classroom aide effective the 2011/12 school term 6.5 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$13.60. Her initial assignment will be an aide in the Life Skills classroom at the Shikellamy High School.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mrs. Van Der Pool, seconded by Mr. Ross carried to bring back Bonny Fegley, a furloughed employee, as a classroom aide effective the 2011/12 school term 6.5 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$13.60. Her initial assignment will be a classroom aide in the Life Skills classroom at Oaklyn Elementary School.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mrs. Van Der Pool, seconded by Mr. Ross carried to bring back Bernadette Dry, a furloughed employee, as a secretary effective the 2011/12 school term 7 hours per day an hourly rate of \$15.50. Her initial assignment will be a Secretary at Priestley Elementary School.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mrs. Van Der Pool, seconded by Mr. Ross carried to bring Penny Salter, a furloughed employee, as a food service worker effective the 2011/12 school term at an hourly rate of \$13.10. Her initial assignment will be a 3 hour cook at the Shikellamy High School.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

A motion by Mrs. Van Der Pool, seconded by Mr. Ross carried to Tammy Gelnett, a furloughed employee, as a food service worker effective the 2011/12 school term at an hourly rate of \$13.10. Her initial assignment will be a 3 hour cook at the Shikellamy High School.

Vote: Mr. Dalpiaz, yea; Mrs. Garman, yea; Mr. Kerstetter, yea; Mrs. Long, yea; Mr. Marshall, yea; Mr. Ross, yea; Mr. Shreck, yea; Mrs. Van Der Pool, yea; Mr. Fister, yea

### **ADJOURNEMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Marshall  
Board Secretary